

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY GABORONE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1693

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LILONGWE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

AMEMBASSY MASERU

AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

SMISSION USUN 0545

UNCLAS GABORONE 0577

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MOPS PGOV PINS BC RH

SUBJ: RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES CONFIRMATION OF AMBUSH

INSIDE BOTSWANA

1. MARCH 1 RAND DAILY MAIL REPORTS ACKNOWLEDGMENT FROM RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES HEADQUARTERS THAT ITS FORCES HAD CROSSED INTO BOTSWANA AND HAD "CONTACT" WITH BDF PATROL. COMMUNIQUE REPORTEDLY STATED THAT RHODESIAN TROOPS ENTERED BOTSWANA IN HOT PURSUIT OF "GANG" WHICH HAD EARLIER LAID AN AMBUSH INSIDE RHODESIAN TERRITORY. RSF COMMUNIQUE CLAIMED THAT ITS FORCES ESTABLISHED "CONTACT" WITH GUERRILLAS WHO WERE "AIDED BY ELEMENTS OF THE BOTSWANA DEFENSE FORCE".

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2. COMMUNIQUE CLAIMED THAT "ONCE IT BECAME APPARENT THE GROUP OPPOSING RHODESIAN SECURITY FORCES INCLUDED MEMBERS OF THE BOTSWANA DEFENSE FORCE, THE ACTION WAS BROKEN OFF AND THE SECURITY FORCES RETURNED TO RHODESIA".

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